
14th JANUARY, 1803.

Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

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Additional to and amendatory of an act, intituled, "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia."

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,
3 That the eleventh section of "An act to incorporate the inhabi-
4 tants of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia," shall
5 be, and the same is hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the council of the city
2 of Washington, shall, from and after the next annual election, con-
3 sist of eighteen members, residents of the city and citizens of the
4 United States, and who are twenty-one years of age or upwards,
5 to be equally divided into two separate chambers, and who are

6 hereafter to be elected by two distinct tickets on the first Monday
 7 in May annually, by the free white male inhabitants of full age,
 8 who have resided six months in the said city :—That a majority of
 9 each chamber shall be a quorum, but a smaller number may ad-
 10 journ from day to day :—that the presidents of the first and second
 11 chambers, shall have a right to vote on all questions in their res-
 12 pective chambers ; and in case of an equal division, including the
 13 vote of the president, he shall then be entitled to an additional or
 14 casting vote.

1 SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That immediately after
 2 counting the votes of every election, the justices or judges of such
 3 election shall furnish each chamber, through its president, with a
 4 fair and correct list of the names of all the candidates or persons
 5 voted for such chamber, at such election, together with the num-
 6 ber of votes given to each ; and that in case of any vacancy in
 7 either of the said chambers, the candidate or person voted for such
 8 chamber, being otherwise qualified by law, who is next highest on
 9 the polls to those actually elected at the last preceding election,
 10 shall succeed to the vacancy ; and it shall be the duty of the cham-
 11 ber in which any vacancy may occur, forthwith to notify the suc-
 12 ceeding candidate of his succession, which notification shall be a
 13 sufficient authority for him to take his seat as a member in that
 14 chamber for which he was nominated, and by which he shall be
 15 so notified: *Provided always,* That in case there shall be two or

16 more such candidates who had an equality of votes for the cham-
 17 ber in which such vacancy may occur, that chamber shall have
 18 the right to choose one of them to fill such vacancy.

1 SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That no non-commissioned
 2 officer or private, in the regular military or naval service, shall be
 3 entitled to vote for members of the city council.

1 SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the corporation of the
 2 city of Washington, shall have full power and authority, in addi-
 3 tion to those heretofore granted, to regulate and superintend the
 4 inspection of flour, tobacco and salted provisions; the gauging of
 5 liquors, casks and vessels; the storage of gun-powder and all mili-
 6 tary and naval stores, not the property of the United States; the
 7 weight and quality of bread; the taxing, licensing, restraining or
 8 prohibiting hawkers, tippling houses, horse-races, lotteries and all
 9 kinds of gaming; to superintend the public health; to preserve
 10 and improve the navigation of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers,
 11 adjoining the city; and to regulate and superintend the erec-
 12 tion and repairing of wharves, and the clearing and deepening of
 13 docks and basins; to provide for the establishment and superin-
 14 tendance of schools; that they shall have the exclusive power to
 15 regulate and grant marriage licenses; to license and regulate or-
 16 dinary keepers, retailers, pedlars and ferries, and to provide for
 17 the poor of the city.

1 SECT. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That so long as the proper-
 2 ty of the United States within the city of Washington, shall re-
 3 main exempt from taxation, there shall be annually paid from the
 4 treasury of the United States, to the treasury of the said city for
 5 the use thereof, the sum of _____ dollars.

1 SECT. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of
 2 laws heretofore passed, which would in any manner interfere with,
 3 counteract or defeat the provisions contained in this act, or any of
 4 them, shall be, and hereby are repealed, so far as they relate to the
 5 subjects of those provisions.

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